

July 6, 2001

**Commodity Specification For
FROZEN COOKED DICED CHICKEN
DATED JULY 1999**

Amendment No. 1

This amendment reduces the bone size tolerance in meat used to produce diced chicken.

1. Section II.C.10.b.(1) on page 6. Revise the paragraph to read as follows:

“(1) Regardless of the kind and number of defects (within Table 1) found, any sample with bone or bone-like material greater than 0.50 inch (1.27 cm) will be cause for the rejection of the product the sample represents.”

2. Section II.C.10.b.(1) on page 7. Revise Table 1. Organoleptic Requirements and Defects for Dices to read as follows:

Table 1. Organoleptic Requirements and Defects for Dices

Organoleptic Requirements:	The dices must be free of foreign materials (e.g., glass, paper, rubber, metal); and odors which are not characteristic of properly cooked and handled fowl meat; for example, rancid, metallic, cardboardy, stale, sour, or scorched.
Defects For Dices: Bones:	<p>The presence of bone or bone-like material greater than 0.50 inch (1.27 cm) (see II.C.10.b.(1)).</p> <p>The presence of bone or bone-like material less than or equal to 0.50 inch (1.27 cm).</p>
Other:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cartilage (gristle), tendon or tendinous material, ligament or ligamentous material that is soft-like in texture and extends or is greater than 0.50 inch (1.27 cm). 2. Dark-colored (due to blood) artery or vein greater than 0.30 inch (0.76 cm) in length. 3. Bruises or blood clots which exceed an area equivalent to the area of a circle with a diameter of 0.25 inch (0.64 cm). 4. An aggregate area of all discolorations with moderate intensity which exceeds an area equivalent to a circle with a diameter of 0.50 inch (1.27 cm). 5. An aggregate area of skin greater than 1 square inch (6.45 cm²).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective with offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, July 16, 2001, and on all subsequent offers. The words “and Amendment Number 1” must be inserted after “the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated July 1999” in item 1 of each offer.

All other terms and conditions of the Commodity Specification for Frozen Cooked Diced Chicken dated July 1999 remain unchanged.

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